

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 314

2026 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. Provides for community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) services and minimum policies for an adolescent school health initiative. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds minimums for development of an adolescent school health initiative policy by the office of public health.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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Present law requires any individual rendering any components of CPST services, except for assessment and treatment planning components, to be a fully licensed mental health professional, a provisionally licensed professional counselor, a provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed master social worker, a certified social worker, or a psychology intern from an American Psychological Association approved internship program.

Present law adds that individuals who have been issued a limited scope CSW license may also provide CPST services in the same manner as a provisionally licensed professional counselor, a provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist, or a certified social worker.

Present law provides that at the end of the three-year CSW certification period authorized by the La. State Board of Social Work Examiners, any CSW who has provided CPST services in accordance with present law and who provides certain information to the board shall be issued an limited scope CSW license that authorizes the certified social worker to solely provide CPST services.

Proposed law provides that any CSW whose three-year certification period expired in calendar year 2025 shall be allowed to apply for the limited scope license provided for in present law.

Proposed law further requires that the board shall renew the certification of any certified social worker who had a certification expire in calendar year 2025 so they may proceed with the CPST extension request provided for in present law.

Proposed law relative to adolescent school health initiative requires the office of public health to develop a policy which at a minimum provides the following:

(1) Healthcare providers who are licensed, certified, or registered by their applicable licensing, certification, or registration board; who provide documentation of having passed a criminal background; and who are in good standing with the applicable board are not required by a public school governing authority to complete an additional criminal background check in order to begin providing school-based health center services.

(2) School-based health center services shall be permitted during school hours if the student's parent or legal guardian has requested the services and a healthcare provider determines that evaluation or treatment is necessary during school hours to assist the student with a health condition, illness, or injury requiring evaluation or treatment.

(3) A public school governing authority shall not prohibit a health evaluation, assessment, or authorized treatment plan from being performed on school property in order to establish medical necessity or deliver medically necessary services.

(4) The determination of the need for health evaluation and school-based health center services are to be made by a healthcare provider acting within the scope of his professional license. No school employee who is not licensed to provide healthcare services is to determine whether a student may receive an evaluation or treatment by a healthcare provider.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:2724(B)(2)(a), R.S. 40:31.3(C) and (D); adds R.S. 40:31.3(E))

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